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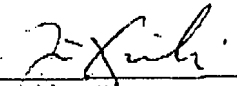
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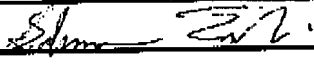
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In reply to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2007, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in light of the following remarks.

**Amendments of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.